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Subject: State Water Plan

Dear Kamyar:

It has come to my attention that while the Don't Move A Mussel program appears to be quite well promoted at the State's reservoirs, the program has been neglected at refuges such as those on the Valley rivers that go to the Delta and its pumps. The US agencies ,such as the Forest and Wildlife Services are promoting the washing of waders, decoys, dogs and especially boats and kayaks at these locations.

The EPA gave a Minnesota hunters' organization over a quarter million dollars to promote these practices. Granted, that that state is full of pothole lakes, but the possibility of the sportsmen going to various waterways in succeeding days here is also most possible. Also consider reversing the usual focus of the mussels clogging the pumps at Tracy etc., and think of negative impacts possible to the wildlife refuges as exotics are brought in to them; they are also dependent on pumps.

Thus, it would be to the benefit of all if there was entered into the Water Plan a program to reduce the hazard of moving either mussels or aquatic weeds around the entire State.

Sincerely,



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